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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: SWARTZ

SERIAL NO.: 09/462,480

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1645

FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDE FUNCTIONALLY CODING FOR

THE LHP PROTEIN FROM MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS, ITS BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE DERIVATIVE FRAGMENTS, AS

WELL AS METHODS USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

56. (Amended) A purified polypeptide, wherein said purified polypeptide is

expressed by a recombinant cell host and

wherein said recombinant cell host contains a polynucleotide,

wherein said polynucleotide comprises a nucleotide subsequence,

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